

SUPREME COURT TERM ENDS

One of the Shortest in Years—
Attorneys Busy with Questionnaire Work.

Montpelier, Jan. 9.—The January term of supreme court was completed in short order this morning, when it was found that there was no case ready for argument because many of the attorneys are busy helping in making questionnaires for the conscripted men. The arguments in the petition for a new trial of Robert Watson found guilty of murder, who is in jail in Franklin county, was continued until the February term. No decision was given in the case of State vs. Frank Ketchum of Benning county, a petition for new trial.

FIGURES BELIE SLURS

Vermonters' Fine Showing in War Enlistments Proved in Report of Provost Marshal General.

Montpelier, Jan. 9.—Figures substantiating the recent account given out by Gov. H. P. Graham as to the fine showing of Vermonters in the war have been received at the adjutant-general's office, having been sent in the report of the provost marshal-general to the secretary of war. The figures greatly belie the slurs used in newspapers outside of Vermont and in magazines referring in derogative nature to the showing which Vermont made. Not only does the report show that she has done well in the army, but the report of the men contributed by Vermont in all branches of the service, including the navy, army, marines and other branches, show that she is seventh, or if taken separately, in the tenth position in that contribution, something which had not been heretofore credited to Vermont.

The report relative to those in the army shows five States standing higher than Vermont. These are: Province of Hawaii is taken into consideration, Vermont is seventh. Including the last-named province, the standing is: Hawaii 182.97; Oregon 90.11; Maine 74.34; New Hampshire 72.57; Wyoming 69.62; Vermont 57.46. Rhode Island, which is next in line with a credit of 54.80, but Massachusetts which did considerable publicity as to what it had done is in 14th place, with 52.07, while Connecticut which is in 24th place, with 41.88, Nevada, of which the State papers made a great deal, is in the 46th position, with 36.63. Oklahoma stands at the bottom of the ladder.

HILLEGAS' NEW CLERK.

Appoints Bennett C. Douglas, Former School Superintendent.
Montpelier, Jan. 9.—Commissioner M. B. Hillegas has appointed the department this morning announced the appointment of Bennett C. Douglas as executive clerk in his office this city. Professor Douglas has been superintendent of what is known as the Rutland normal school, having nine schools under his supervision in one of the most important districts in the State. He has resigned that position and will assume his duties here as soon as he can get to the city. The Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Douglas, the former of whom is well known as a pastor in the Vermont Methodist conference, having been pastor of some of the best parishes in the conference.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HAS ANNUAL MEETING

25 Present at Rutland—Reports Show Much Work Done Last Year.
Rutland, Jan. 9.—Reports from the various local sections read before 25 members of the Green Mountain club at the annual meeting here this afternoon indicated that there was general activity throughout the State in trail building and opening the mountains to vacationists.
It was voted to make the next annual meeting on a day affair with an evening session for townsmen, having especially prepared illustrated papers on an inducement. Prof. W. S. Monroe and Capt. H. W. Condon of the New York section were present.
The report of the treasurer showed a balance of \$20.07 in the treasury at the close of the year. The club will donate \$25 to the New England trail conference, Professor Monroe being alternate delegate to the conference. The executive committee of the board of trustees of Norwich University it was voted to shelve the examination period, omit the Easter recess and formal commencement exercises, and to close college on May 10. This will make it possible for cadets to go into agricultural or industrial work in time to be of real help in lessening the labor shortage during the coming summer. The regular engineering summer schools will begin on May 13 and continue until June 8. Entrance examinations are scheduled for the morning of June 20 and September 17. College will open in the fall on September 17.
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DECLARED KAISER WAS ANTI-CHRIST

No Use to Fight Him, Rev. Mr. Waldron Is Reported to Have Said.

Brattleboro, Jan. 9.—With the examination of six witnesses, the government concluded in federal court here to-day its side of the case against the Rev. Clarence H. Waldron of Windsor, a Baptist clergyman, charged with sedition.
A recess was then taken until to-morrow afternoon in order that Attorney Robert C. Bacon, assigned to defend the respondent, might have time to confer with witnesses for Mr. Waldron.
The jury was chosen this afternoon, Major Frederick W. Childs of Brattleboro being foreman.
Sherman Evans of Windsor testified that Waldron told him the Kaiser was ordained by the Lord to win the war and that it would do no good to oppose him.
Mr. Evans is 85 but all the other witnesses heard to-day were of the draft age and members of Waldron's church before he resigned.
Paul Braden testified that the pastor advised him to resist the draft even if he was shot. Austin W. Burr said Waldron told him that many of his young men had enlisted in the army and that he also said that the Kaiser appeared to be Anti-Christ it was useless to oppose him.
Harold E. Rice said he enlisted June 20 and that immediately thereafter the minister said to him, "I am sorry you enlisted and I hope you will not go."
Lowell Hemmingsway testified that the Rev. Mr. Waldron said to him in the vestry of the Baptist Church last summer, "Don't shed your precious blood for your country." He said he heard the Rev. Mr. Waldron say in his sermon, "To hell with patriotism."
On cross-examination, Mr. Hemmingsway admitted that, taken in connection with other statements made at the same time, the remarks quoted did sound as though they were intended to encourage him to desert.

CALEDONIAN'S LAST ISSUE

Financial Difficulties Cause Extinction of St. Johnsbury Newspaper Established in 1837.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 9.—The last issue of the St. Johnsbury Caledonian, published to-day, since the financial embarrassment of W. J. Bigelow, the editor and manager, the paper has been run by three trustees, who have tried to sell the property to some party who would continue the publication, but no one has been found with a sufficient capital who was interested in the business. Those who have paid for new subscriptions will be refunded the price paid for the subscription. The paper was published for the first time in 1837, and has since that time been a constant feature of the town. It was published by the Caledonian Publishing Company, which was organized in 1837. The paper was published by the Caledonian Publishing Company, which was organized in 1837. The paper was published by the Caledonian Publishing Company, which was organized in 1837.

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Middlebury Water Commission Takes Draconic Action Against Those Who Kept Faucets Open.

Middlebury, Jan. 9.—Street Commissioner James McGlinchey, who has been on the lookout for leaks and the wasting of water from the village water works, discovered a big leak on College street, which he has fixed, and he also found about a dozen houses on one street where the tenants were allowing water to run full force day and night. The water has been shut off and will remain so until spring. It is understood that there are about as many more who will get the same treatment before the end of the week. The reservoir which has been dry several times during the past 10 days had seven feet of water in it this morning and there is now fairly good water pressure all over the village. At the college they had been obliged to haul water by team for their several large buildings.

VETERAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Eleanor Broe, 71, Despondent and in Ill Health, Takes Her Life—Neighbor Finds Body.

North Troy, Jan. 9.—Eleanor Broe, a veteran of the Civil War, aged 71 years, committed suicide by taking poison this morning. Her body being found in the barn adjoining her house. Mr. Broe's act is attributed to despondency and ill health.
When Mr. Broe failed to return to the home of his wife, Mrs. George Livingston, who lived across the street, to look for him. Besides his wife, Mr. Broe leaves one daughter, Mrs. Rufus Harvey of Province Hill, Can.

NORWICH CLOSING MAY 10.

Decides to Shorten Examination Period and Omit Commencement.

Northfield, Jan. 9.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the board of trustees of Norwich University it was voted to shorten the examination period, omit the Easter recess and formal commencement exercises, and to close college on May 10. This will make it possible for cadets to go into agricultural or industrial work in time to be of real help in lessening the labor shortage during the coming summer. The regular engineering summer schools will begin on May 13 and continue until June 8. Entrance examinations are scheduled for the morning of June 20 and September 17. College will open in the fall on September 17.

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AMMUNITION MADE HERE FOR GERMANY?

Amazing Charge Will Be Made Subject of Next Congressional Inquiry.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 9.—That ammunition for the German army is being manufactured in the United States under the supervision of German reserve officers and secretly exported is the amazing charge that is designed to be the subject of the next congressional investigation.

FOUND ON NORSE STEAMER.

It appears that on December 30 British naval forces intercepted the Norwegian steamer Tula, bound from New York to Copenhagen, with a miscellaneous cargo of apparently innocent articles. The ship had clearance papers in perfect order issued by the treasury department at New York.

The British commander, however, ordered a thorough search of the Tula's cargo. Before the search had proceeded the far boxes containing small arms ammunition were discovered. Altogether there were 500,000 rounds of ammunition consigned as hardware to an individual in Copenhagen, who, according to the British authorities, has been secretly dealing with the Germans.

The ammunition was seized by the British, who made a report of the incident to the British government. The report contains the statement that the ammunition was suitable exclusively to small arms used by the German army.

FOUND BY U. S. PATROL.

Eleven days later another vessel was found after sailing from New York, this time by American naval patrols, and the cargo searched. Aboard this ship were found 1,000,000 rounds of small arms ammunition identical in character with the ammunition seized from the Tula. In the case of the Tula, the shipment was from Germany, consigned as hardware to the mysterious individual in Copenhagen.

There are circumstances which lead experts to believe that specifications for the ammunition were obtained from Germany recently and that the manufacture was carried out under supervision of German agents, probably German reserve officers in disguise.

HOW TRICK WAS WORKED.

How long this has been going on government officials do not pretend to say. They are reluctant to discuss the matter at all. The treasury department is trying to figure out how ships could have been cleared containing ammunition consigned to Copenhagen.

An investigation by both the treasury department and the department of justice is now in progress. The theory upon which the investigators are proceeding is that the ammunition was made in one or more of the numerous factories in the German communities of New Jersey in the vicinity of New York. The boxes containing the ammunition were then transported to the docks, probably by motor trucks, and secretly substituted for boxes containing innocuous hardware. The boxes were inspected and passed by the treasury agents.

ALIEN ENEMIES ARE FREE.

The department of justice is supposed to have rounded up all the alien enemies in the United States and taken steps to prevent them from committing hostile acts. There is reason to believe that these operations have been a failure. About 30,000 alien enemies have been taken into custody by the department of justice, but only 300 have been interned. Those released have been paroled to persons who have undertaken to be responsible for the proper conduct of the alien enemies.

The bureau of navy intelligence caused the arrest recently of 196 alien enemies employed by the Sperry-Gryson company of New York. Attorney-General Gregory almost immediately released 191 of the suspects.

SPECIAL AGENTS PROTEST.

The department of justice contends that there were no grounds for internment any of the alien enemies released. Some of the agents, however, who investigated against their released suspects, protested against their release, alleging that they were German spies and dangerous characters who were giving aid and comfort to the enemy were among the number.

It was pointed out to the department of justice that a German spy would find it to his advantage to carry on his work if paroled to an American citizen for such disposition would indicate the confidence of the American government in his integrity and loyalty. It is suspected that the released suspects had nothing to fear but internment.

WANT RIMER EXTRADITED

Connecticut Wants Hartford Man on Bigamy Charge—Hearing to Be Held before Governor.

White River Junction, Jan. 9.—Frank Rimer of Hartford, against whom a grand jury recently refused to bring an indictment charging the murder of his wife, is held in jail on a charge of bigamy. He is charged with bigamy, the Governor of Connecticut has applied to Vermont to have the man extradited.
At a hearing held before Judge A. G. Whitman of the Hartford municipal court, bail was fixed at \$400. The hearing before Governor Graham is set for January 22. In default of bail, Rimer was held last evening in the jail here, but he will be remanded to the county jail at Woodstock if bail is not secured.

Graham to Address Dairymen.

Montpelier, Jan. 9.—Gov. H. P. Graham has accepted an invitation to speak at the annual session of the Vermont Dairymen's association at Burlington, January 17.

THE NATIONAL BANKS.

No Changes in the Officers of Two Burlington Institutions.

The annual meetings of Burlington's two national banks were held Tuesday, with no changes in any of the officers. The stockholders of the Howard National bank elected as directors F. E. Burgess, Elmer L. Hinch, McLean, A. G. Whittemore, W. T. Rutter, J. S. Flint, G. M. Beckett and H. B. Howe. The directors subsequently elected Mr. Burgess president, Mr. Lyman vice-president, Mr. Rutter cashier and H. S. Weed assistant cashier.

The stockholders of the Merchants' National bank elected as directors L. E. Woodhouse, Robert Roberts, F. D. Abernethy, W. C. Isham and A. W. Hill. The officers elected were: President, L. E. Woodhouse; vice-president, Robert Roberts; cashier, W. C. Isham; assistant cashier, A. W. Hill; teller, F. M. Bradley.

FREE PRESS WANT AD. PAY BEST.

ONLY NAVY BANKRUPT

Secretary Baker Will Reply to Recent Criticism of War Preparations.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The climax in the war inquiry of the Senate military committee will be reached to-morrow when Secretary Baker appears to discuss the proposals for establishing a separate department of munitions and criticisms of armaments developed during the investigation.

Mr. Baker's testimony is expected to continue several days. In anticipation of the war secretary's appearance, army and navy exchanges of views have been prepared by the committee to-day through Rear Admiral McGowan, paymaster-general of the navy, and his chief aides. Admiral McGowan earnestly opposed a single purchasing system for both army and navy supplies, pleading against disturbing the navy's successful system. As a substitute he proposed joint war and navy department boards, supplemented by civilian experts, to cooperate.

Large quantities of navy supplies exist, the admiral said, reserve clothing is on hand, and little difficulty in securing sufficient supplies has been encountered. He declared emphatically, too, that the navy has not found it necessary to resort to the use of navy garb and denied that shortage in the wool made use of shoddy necessary. His system of publicity of contracts and competitive bids, Admiral McGowan said, had proven most satisfactory. From April 1 to December 1 last \$21,000,000 was spent.

In preparing to close up army clothing questions, the committee also heard A. L. Scott of Boston, a textile expert on the supplies committee of the council of national defense, Lincoln Ironsides, a knit goods expert of the committee, and David Kirschbaum, a Philadelphia manufacturer, having army contracts. He said he feared reduced production of army clothing as a result of new contracts with labor provisions proper to the board of labor control and labor standards, appointed by Secretary Baker. Manufacturers are generally refusing to sign the new contracts, he declared, because of the loss of control of their factories. Two members of the board, Kirschbaum asserted, are pacifists and socialists.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Commissioners Raise Teachers' Salaries and Discuss Vacation Question.

At a special meeting last night in the high school building the board of school commissioners questioned Oliver Dupuy, janitor of the Pomeroy school, and Joseph Pine, janitor of the Lawrence Barnes school, as to the cause of the freezing of water and steam pipes in their buildings. The board of school commissioners estimated that the damage, estimated at approximately \$200. After careful consideration the board cleared the janitors of the blame in view of the fact that the weather was extremely cold and that they were trying to run their heating plants without proper coal, which could not be secured. A letter of instructions will be sent to all the janitors as to the proper care of steam and water pipes during cold weather and to order their coal at least 10 days before they need it.

An increase of \$25 per year was voted unanimously to be paid to each of the elementary schools and the junior high school, and to the janitors of the eight-room school houses and the junior high school a small increase was also given. The engineer and janitor in the high school were given small increases in salary.

Miss Louise Cartier, instructress in French, took sort of "French" leave of Superintendent Cliftenden and is now either in, or on her way to Missouri to accept a position as French instructress in one of the high schools of a large city in the west. She is a native of Missouri and has been teaching French in the elementary schools and the junior high school, and to the janitors of the eight-room school houses and the junior high school a small increase was also given.

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FLAT DENIALS BY BAKER AND DANIELS

Had Not Heard U. S. Fighting Men Were Having Drunken Orgies in France.

Washington, Jan. 9.—If American soldiers and sailors in Europe are drinking to excess and engaging in other forms of dissipation, Secretary of War Baker and Secretary of the Navy Daniels do not know it.

Both expressed surprise to-day at the charge of the Rev. Dr. Joseph Fort Newton of Iowa, pastor of the City Temple, London, in charge of the board of temperance prohibition and morals of the Methodist Episcopal Church, that American boys were having an orgy of drunkenness and dissipation. Secretary Baker said: "No report from General Pershing or from any other source on the conditions charged by Dr. Newton has reached me, although I am in daily communication. I do know that General Pershing is doing all he can to surround the men in France with the same wholesome environment as is thrown about the men in camps in this country."

"These are wholesome charges, stating no specific facts and giving no names or places, and I cannot enter into a controversy with an anonymous and indefinite sheet."

The reference was plainly to the "clipp sheet" issued by the Methodist temperance board, which charges, among other things: "The government has abandoned the soldiers when they cross the seas," and that "Even the French have been deeply impressed by the havoc of drink among the men of the American camps."

Secretary Daniels said he stood flatly on the denial of the drunkenness charge by Admiral Sims. He said he supposed there was some drinking by sailors while on leave, just as there is everywhere else. "Such a situation could not be serious without the knowledge of Admiral Sims," said Mr. Daniels. "If conditions were as pictured, Admiral Sims would notify the navy department immediately and there would be wholesale court martials. Nothing of the kind has occurred."

VERMONT NOTES

STEELE ROAD FOR \$40,000.

Damages of \$40,000 are asked by Timothy J. Ford of Boston, a member of the Vermont Evaporator company of Clarendon, for injuries received at the South Main street crossing of the Rutland railroad in Rutland when an automobile driven by Robert Moroney of Rutland was struck by a switch engine. The accident occurred last May.

TEACHERS CUTTING WOOD.

Because of fuel shortage St. Johnsbury Academy will continue its vacation another week and in the meantime Principal Davis and the men teachers have shouldered crosscut saws and tramp daily to a wood lot a few miles from the village to add to the fuel supply.

\$10,000 FOR CHILD'S DEATH.

A suit in which the father of a seven-year-old boy seeks to recover damages of \$10,000 for the loss of the child's life in a coasting accident at Arlington a month ago, has been brought in Bennington county court by David Haley of Rutland against A. E. Buck of Arlington, a prominent lumber dealer in that part of the State.

CHURCH IS DIVIDED.

At the annual meeting of the Congregational Church of Corinth, it was voted to divide the church so that services will be held at Corinth Center and East Corinth. The Rev. C. C. Merrill of Burlington helped solve the problem.

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GARFIELD DENIES HYLAN'S REQUEST

Will Not for New York's Benefit Divert Coal Moving to New England.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Fuel Administrator Garfield denied a request by Mayor Hyland of New York to-day, that coal moving to New England be diverted to avert a famine in New York. He said that while everything possible would be done for New York, all eastern cities would have to share the shortage caused by December's low production. The order directing the diversion of coal to New England will not be modified.

Mayor Hyland called Dr. Garfield over the long distance telephone and insisted that something be done to relieve the situation in New York. Shortly afterwards a delegation of New York wholesalers called on him to urge a change in the methods of coal distribution. They suggested that distribution be put in the hands of men experienced in the business; that wholesalers be licensed and that industries not needed in the conduct of the war be limited as to supplies.

Explaining to-night his reasons for continuing shipments to New England even at the expense of other regions, Dr. Garfield said that it was necessary to keep New England munitions plants supplied. J. W. Searies has been appointed deputy commissioner of the tide water coal exchange of New York to assist in relieving congestion of traffic there.

State Fuel Administrator Wiggins still has authority in the State, it is explained, but Mr. Searies will devote his attention to moving the congested traffic, mainly between States.

Dr. Garfield said Director-General McAdoo's staff was furnishing very adequate transportation facilities for coal and had the situation well in hand. Alfred H. Smith, assistant to Mr. McAdoo, has notified Dr. Garfield that he can have the care of the New England shipment, but he recommends that no more traffic be tied up in specific consignments.

INCREASE MEMBERSHIP 115

Addison County Farmers' Association Has Third Annual Session—Home Demonstration Dept. Meets.

Middlebury, Jan. 9.—The third annual meeting of the Addison County Farmers' association was held in this village to-day with a large attendance. The program was carried out as announced in the Free Press of Tuesday.

In the membership campaign, 115 new names were added. Fifty shares at \$5 each were sold in the Co-operative Farmers' Exchange.
President E. B. Cornwell presided at the men's session this morning. Reports of the secretary and treasurer were given, and also a report